

State of Montana
Office of the Governor

Executive Order No. 19-2007

**EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE
GOVERNOR'S HIV/AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), claims a life in the United States every thirty-two minutes, and is the fifth leading cause of death for men and women between the ages 25-44; and

WHEREAS, Montana State Government has a significant interest in protecting the public health; and

WHEREAS, Montana has both the opportunity and the obligation to provide a constructive response to this HIV epidemic; and

WHEREAS, such a response requires the commitment and resources of all levels of government coupled with a firm partnership with the private sector in order to effectively stem the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the need for an advisory and leadership mechanism is critical for an effective and publicly supported response to a very serious public health issue:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, by the authority vested in me by Article VI, Section 4, of the Montana Constitution, and Section 2-15-201, MCA, do hereby establish the Governor's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council.

I. **PURPOSE**

The Council shall provide the leadership required to recommend public policy to the Governor and Department Directors concerning the initiation, coordination, promotion, implementation, and evaluation of services and activities that can effectively arrest the spread of HIV infection and provide humane treatment for those that are or become infected.

II. DUTIES

The Council shall advise the Governor in the formulation of public policy related to HIV and AIDS in Montana.

The Council shall meet regularly at the call of its Chair to seek information, discuss strategies to fulfill its purpose, and act in its discretion to carry out the decisions it reaches.

III. COMPOSITION

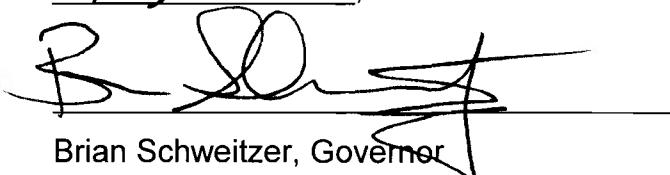
The Council shall have no more than sixteen appointed members. The names and addresses of members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be submitted by separate letter to the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Secretary of State. Staff support shall be provided by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

IV. DURATION

The council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless extended by subsequent Executive Order.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL
of the State of Montana, this 29 day of
August, 2007.



Brian Schweitzer, Governor

ATTEST:

*Brad Johnson by Susan Jones,
deputy*
Brad Johnson, Secretary of State